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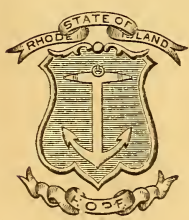
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FOREWORD.

In this bulletin on philanthropic agencies in Rhode Island Cities, an attempt is made to estimate the variety rather than the extent of charitable work, being carried on, and while here and there it has been possible to ascertain the amount of work done and the annual cost, the records are generally so uncertain and the measure of efficiency so befogged by a distribution of responsibility and absence of records, as to make a comparative estimate either wholly valueless or at least involve the Bureau in the responsibility of making statements which can be based only upon scant facts and second-hand information. It was found practical therefore, to list and classify the agencies and only casually point out differences in efficiency and service which might be used as a guide by contributors towards the support of such agencies.

INTRODUCTION.

The number and character of the philanthropic agencies in a community should be an index of the social problem in such a community, if the people and the city and state are meeting their obligations properly, and are determined to avoid undue increase in social waste. On the other hand the efficiency of philanthropic agencies in meeting the social problems before them is the only sure criterion of the type of service rendered and is the only means of insuring service needed without waste to the public or loss to those who are directly or indirectly affected by our problems. Social science is still in its infancy and practical sociology has not so far pointed clearly the way towards constructive and scientific social service.

The origin of each kind of social service can not always be traced to the beginning of the problem but rather to a spasmodic and sometimes temporary awakening of the public, the church or the state, and many of the remedies applied are often makeshifts and palliatives which are intended as a temporary relief to the evils of problems already created, rather than the prevention of such evils. This has resulted in a considerable number of ill-conceived and poorly organized socialities and organizations which have for their aim the relief or cure of social evils without regard to any general relation of specific problems to the whole of the social system and without a scientific and properly planned method of service.

We might almost say that our social work, whether of amateur or professional character, has been determined largely by the general understanding on the part of the public of social conditions and their general realization of the importance of the social problems. In this manner we find churches and lay organizations for the relief of the poor, constantly overlapping and duplicating their work to the

detriment both of the service and the poor; on the other hand, the provision for proper industrial insurance and the improvement of home conditions for the prevention of dependency due to industrial and environmental conditions in the community have been left to this day without proper private or public action. Whether this haphazard and ineffective system of charity work is meeting the problems of the day or not requires no expert knowledge to perceive; but whether the agencies at present at work are at least in their own field meeting the requirements of their specific wards and the standards of the giving public is more dangerous than difficult to state.

Before we enter into the general discussion of the various organizations, it must be stated that no attempt was made to consider all the philanthropic organizations of the State because the rural communities and the small towns meet only a small part of their obligations in welfare work owing to the general practice of sending dependents, and the poor sick to hospitals and asylums located in cities and also because little information of any value could be obtained from the towns. In the smaller cities it will be found that little service is being rendered compared with the effort that is being made in Providence, but the explanation of this fact is simple. The city of Providence, because of its size, centers in it all the larger institutions which in many instances contain dependents of other communities. A large city is also more likely to attract a large number of persons who, through various conditions have drifted towards it induced by the better opportunities for employment which it presents owing to the great variety of industries and its greater use of unskilled labor.

CLASSIFICATION OF AGENCIES BY CHARACTER OF WORK.

Any classification of charitable and philanthropic agencies must of necessity be arbitrary, and hard and fast lines are as difficult to draw between the activities of such agencies as between functions of human society. Aid along certain lines often requires the assistance and co-operation of a number of other agencies, but in many cases the handling of persons requiring such varied aid is more efficiently done by one agency than by a co-operation of a number of separate agencies. This often tempts organizations to branch off and add other phases to the main scope of their work. The extent to which this is done will be discussed later. The classification attempted in this bulletin divides the agencies in the six cities considered by this Bureau into nine more or less distinct groups, with as many subdivisions as were deemed absolutely necessary. The eight main divisions were based upon the kind of service rendered, while the subdivisions were based mainly on the methods of rendering such service.

In the group Charitable Relief Agencies were placed all charitable organizations, municipal or private, whose work consists in aiding the poor through material aid of any kind. Information was obtained concerning twenty-eight such agencies, although many more are probably doing work in our cities. In the next group were placed all charitable agencies which aside from their relief work are carrying on religious propaganda.

In the group Homes were placed all institutions which provide accommodations for persons in need of shelter and who are wholly or partly dependent upon the institution for such aid.

Homes for Dependents, which care for the aged, and for dependent children.

Temporary Homes, which care for such persons as are temporarily dependent owing to economic conditions resulting from various causes.

Homes for Defectives, which assist persons, who through permanent physical defects, can not be cared for in other institutions.

Homes for Delinquents, which provide shelter for persons who are placed there either for offences of various kinds, or as a precaution against temptations that seem to endanger their character.

Under Protective Homes are classed institutions which, although serving a class of persons more or less able to care for themselves, provide social and housing facilities which insure better physical comforts and protection than would otherwise be within the means of these persons.

Agencies for Sanitary Relief and Education are those that deal with preservation of health, cure of diseases, and educational campaigns along lines of public health, and include service which is not necessarily confined to the poor and dependents. In this group we find the hospitals which render mostly indoor relief, the organizations for the ministry to the sick which render outdoor relief, and the association for the prevention of tuberculosis whose work is mainly educational and preventive.

In group five are classed all the agencies rendering educational and social service such as is not rendered by the public schools or by any other public agency. With the exception of the Watchman Industrial School, all other agencies in this group are both social and educational.

Under the protective agencies are classed the societies for the protection of children and animals.

Under Industrial Aid are included the agencies that either secure work or make its continuation possible. The employment agencies help to secure the former, and the day nurseries, in the case of women workers, perform the latter function.

In the eighth and last group, designated as Special Aid, are placed the Working Men's Loan Association and the Society of Hope, which, although not performing similar functions, do not belong to any of the above-named groups.

The ninth and one of the groups of agencies which most directly and constructively meet the problems of the day are the civic or reform agencies so called, because of their essentially civic character and the militant method of work which they usually employ.

CHARITABLE AND PHILANTHROPIC AGENCIES

IN

THE CITIES OF RHODE ISLAND.

Classification According to Character of Service and Method Employed.

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| 1. Charitable Relief Agencies..... | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City of Providence Poor Department. 2. Providence Society for Organizing Charity. 3. Providence Charitable Fuel Society. 4. Irrepressible Society. 5. Sunshine Society—Providence Branch. 6. South Providence Ladies Aid Society. 7. The Scandinavian Central Charity Committee. 8. The Thimble Club. 9. Lend a Hand Society. 10. Providence Female Charitable Society. 11. Women's Relief Corps. 12. Needlework Guild of America—Providence Branch. 13. Providence Charitable Society. 14. Montefiore Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Ass'n. 15. Finding and Doing Home Circle. 16. Loyal Women of American Liberty. 17. Read, Mark and Learn Club. 18. St. Vincent de Paul Society. 19. King's Daughters. |
| PAWTUCKET AND CENTRAL FALLS. | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overseer of the Poor, Pawtucket and Central Falls. 2. Associated Charities of Pawtucket, Central Falls and Valley Falls. |
| WOONSOCKET. | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overseer of the Poor. 2. St. Vincent de Paul Society. 3. Catholic Women's Benevolent League. |
| NEWPORT. | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overseer of the Poor. 2. Charity Organization Society. 3. Newport Dorcas Society. |
| 2. Charitable Relief, With Religious Aim..... | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church House—Fountain Street. 2. Providence Deaconess Home. 3. Salvation Army Corps, No. 1. 4. Randall Square Gospel Mission. 5. Wayside Mission. 6. India Point Byway Mission. 7. Union City Mission. |
| PAWTUCKET. | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dexter Street Mission. |

HOMES—Adults.

| | | |
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| Dependents..... | PROVIDENCE... { | 1. Home for Aged Men and Aged Couples. |
| | | 2. Home for Aged Women. |
| | | 3. Dexter Asylum. |
| | | 4. Home for Aged Colored Women. |
| | PAWTUCKET... { | 1. Home for Aged. |
| WOONSOCKET... { | 1. Ballou Home for Aged. | |
| NEWPORT..... { | 1. Henderson Home for the Aged. | |
| | 2. Newport Home for the Aged. | |

HOMES—Children.

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| Dependents..... | PROVIDENCE... { | 1. State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children. |
| | | 2. Rhode Island Home for Working Boys. |
| | | 3. Rhode Island Catholic Orphan Asylum. |
| | | 4. Providence Children's Friend Society. |
| | | 5. St. Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum. |
| | | 6. Jewish Orphanage of Providence. |
| | NEWPORT..... | 1. Home for Friendless Children. |

Defectives..... R. I. Institute for the Deaf.

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| Delinquents (Preventive and Probation Homes.) PROVIDENCE. | { | 1. Sophia Little Home. |
| | | 2. New England Rest Cottage. |
| | | 3. Providence Rescue Home and Mission. |

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| Temporary Homes. PROVIDENCE. | { | 1. Salvation Army Industrial Home. |
| | | 2. Union City Mission. |
| | | 3. Municipal Lodging House.* |
| | | 4. The Church House. |

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| Protective Homes. PROVIDENCE. | { | 1. Working Girls' Club. |
| | | 2. Bethany Home. |
| | | 3. Y. W. C. A. Rooming Quarters.† |

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| Indoor. Sanitary Relief..... | PROVIDENCE... { | 1. Wallum Lake Sanatorium —State Tuberculosis Hospital. |
| | | 2. R. I. Hospital. |
| | | 3. Providence Lying-In Hospital. |
| | | 4. St. Joseph's Hospital. |
| | | 5. St. Joseph's Tuberculosis Hospital. |
| | | 6. St. Elizabeth's Home for Incurables and Convalescents. |
| | | 7. City Hospital. |

PAWTUCKET.... 1. Twin City Hospital.

NEWPORT..... 1. Newport Hospital.

WOONSOCKET... 1. Woonsocket Hospital.

Incurables..... 1. St. Elizabeth's Home.

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| Outdoor. Sanitary Relief..... | PROVIDENCE.. { | 1. Providence District Nurses' Ass'n. |
| | | 2. Providence Ass'n. for Ministry to the Sick. |
| | | 3. Nazareth Home. |

PAWTUCKET... 1. Pawtucket District Nurses' Ass'n.

WOONSOCKET... 1. Woonsocket District Nurses' Ass'n.

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| PROVIDENCE.. { | 1. R. I. Anti-Tuberculosis Ass'n. |
| | 2. Providence League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. |

PAWTUCKET.. { 1. Society for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis.

WOONSOCKET... 1. Anti-Tuberculosis Ass'n.

NEWPORT..... { 1. Newport Association for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

*Are parts of other charitable agencies.

†Part of Y. M. C. A. work, practically self-supporting.

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| Educational and Social Centers... | PROVIDENCE.. | { | 1. Y. M. C. A. |
| | | | 2. Y. W. C. A. |
| | | | 3. Y. W. C. T. U. |
| | | | 4. Union for Christian Work—Committee on Social Service. |
| | | | 5. Neighborhood House. |
| | | | 6. North End Working Girls Club. |
| | | | 7. Sprague House Ass'n. |
| | | | 8. Olneyville Boys Club. |
| | | | 9. Providence Boys Club. |
| | | | 10. Watchman Industrial School. |
| | | | 11. Providence Playground Ass'n. |
| | | | 12. R. I. School of Design. |
| | | | 13. R. I. Humane Educational Society. |
| Protective Agencies.. | PROVIDENCE.. | { | 1. Pawtucket and Central Falls Y. M. C. A. |
| | | | 2. Pawtucket Boys Club. |
| | | | 3. W. C. T. U. |
| | | | 4. Adams Library. |
| | | | 1. W. C. T. U. |
| | | | 2. Y. W. C. T. U. |
| | | | 3. Y. M. C. A. |
| | | | 1. Y. M. C. A. |
| | | | 2. Newport Playground Ass'n. |
| | | | 1. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. |
| | | | 2. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. |
| | | | 1. Newport Animal Refuge Society. |
| Employment Agencies..... | PROVIDENCE.. | { | 1. R. I. State Employment Bureau. |
| | | | 2. R. I. Exchange for Womens' Work. |
| | | | 3. Womens' City Missionary Society. |
| | | | 4. Prisoners Aid. |
| Industrial Aid..... | WOONSOCKET.. | { | 1. R. I. State Free Employment Bureau. |
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| Day Nurseries..... | PROVIDENCE.. | { | 1. Providence Day Nursery Ass'n. (Two Nurseries.) |
| | | | 2. E. D. Carter Day Nursery. |
| | | | 3. Salvation Army Day Nursery. |
| | | | 4. Jewish Day Nursery. |
| | | | 1. Pawtucket Day Nursery. |
| | | | 1. Woonsocket Day Nursery and Children's Home. |
| Special Aid..... | Workingmen's Loan Ass'n. | | |
| | R. I. Society of Hope. | | (Branches in all cities.) |
| Civic and Reform Agencies..... | PROVIDENCE.. | { | 1. Bureau of Social Research of R. I. |
| | | | 2. Consumer's League of R. I. |
| | | | 3. R. I. League of Improvement Societies. |
| | | | 4. R. I. Committee on Child Labor. |
| | | | 5. R. I. Association for Rural Progress. |
| | | | 6. R. I. Anti-Saloon League. |

CLASSIFICATION BY FIELD OF ACTIVITY.

The problem of determining the field of activity of any particular agency has often caused much difficulty, and a great deal of unpleasant as well as pleasant relationships between social workers. The service needed in a certain community must be met by an agency in the nearest population center which maintains such an agency. This is true not only of such institutions as prisons, asylums and

hospitals, but of such assistance as is rendered by social settlements, the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A. or any other of the many agencies engaged in philanthropic work.

In the State of Rhode Island as in all other states there are three classes of philanthropic agencies when considered from the point of view of their field of activity, namely: National, State and City. In some states there are county organizations, but this as far as is known is not to be found in the limited territory occupied by Rhode Island. Some of the State organizations are often branches of a broader national movement with which the State agency may or may not be connected.

As the large majority of philanthropic agencies are local in character it is necessary here to mention only the agencies which are active over the entire State.

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| National Organizations... } | American Red Cross. Daughters of American Liberty. |
| State Branches of National Organizations... } | R. I. Consumers League. Child Labor Committee of National Child Labor Committee. |
| State Organizations..... } | R. I. Metropolitan Park Commission. R. I. Anti-Saloon League. R. I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. R. I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. R. I. Humane Educational Society. League of Improvement Societies of R. I. R. I. Anti-Tuberculosis Association. Bureau of Social Research of R. I. Federation of Churches and Christian Workers of R. I. R. I. Exchange for Women's Work. R. I. School of Design. R. I. Catholic Orphan Asylum. R. I. League for Social Progress. |

In addition might be mentioned the Rhode Island Women's Club and the Rhode Island Council of Women, which are organizations active in welfare work and often take part in the efforts made along civic lines, both through support of other agencies engaged in such work and through their own special committees in charge of special work. Their legislative work of the last two years is particularly worthy of mention.

CLASSIFICATION BY SOURCES OF INCOME.

Although the classification by kind and method of service is the best measure of the charitable and philanthropic work of a city, a

classification by sources of income may prove of value and interest to the charity-giving public. In making such classification, account was taken not only of the sources coming from the public but also from the various endowments and public funds, as well as from the income derived from the service itself. Following this basis, a classification was made as follows.

State and City Agencies supported entirely from public funds.

Private Agencies with public aid, including agencies which receive only part of their contributed funds from the city or State.

Private Agencies which receive no assistance from public funds.

In the latter group three subgroups are designated; in the first, agencies wholly self-supporting; partly self-supporting; all agencies wholly dependent upon private aid, including endowments. The following table shows the classification of all institutions, according to source of income.

CHARITABLE AND PHILANTHROPIC AGENCIES

IN

THE CITIES OF THE STATE.

Classification by Source of Income.

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| 1. City or State Institutions..... | { | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Poor Department. 2. Rhode Island Hospital. 3. Dexter Asylum.* 4. Rhode Island Institute for the Deaf. 5. Rhode Island Home for Dependent and Neglected Children. 6. State Employment Office, Providence and Woonsocket. 7. Wallum Lake Sanitarium. |
| 2. Agencies receiving City or State aid. . . . | { | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum. 2. Sophia Little Home. 3. Home for Aged Couples. 4. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 5. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. 6. St. Joseph's Hospital. 7. St. Joseph's Tuberculosis Hospital. 8. Providence Lying-In Hospital. 9. Providence City Hospital. 10. Newport Hospital. 11. Woonsocket Hospital. 12. Twin City Hospital. |

3. PRIVATE AGENCIES.

- a. Wholly Self-Supporting—Workingmen's Loan Association.

*Private endowment under city care.

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| b. Partly Self-Supporting.. | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Church House. 2. St. Vincent de Paul Infant Asylum. 3. Providence Children's Friend Society. 4. R. I. Catholic Orphan Asylum. 5. Home for Aged Men and Couples. 6. Home for Aged Women. 7. Home for Aged Colored Women. 8. Working Girls Club. 9. Salvation Army Industrial Home. 10. Y. W. C. A. 11. Y. M. C. A. Providence, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Newport. 12. Y. W. C. T. U. 13. North End Working Girls Club. 14. Women's City Missionary Society. 15. Providence Day Nursery Ass'n. (2 nurseries.) 16. E. A. Carter Day Nursery. 17. Salvation Army Day Nursery. 18. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 19. St. Elizabeth Home for Incurables and Convalescents. 20. Homeopathic Hospital of Rhode Island. 21. R. I. School of Design. |
| c. Entirely dependant upon public.... | } | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Society for Organizing Charity, Providence, Newport, Pawtucket, Central Falls. 2. Providence Charitable Fuel Society. 3. Irrepressible Society. 4. Sunshine Society. 5. South Providence Ladies Aid Society. 6. The Scandinavian Central Charity Committee. 7. The Thimble Club. 8. The Lend A Hand Society. 9. Providence Female Charitable Society. 10. Womens' Relief Corps. 11. Needle Guild of America. 12. Providence Charity Society. 13. Finding and Doing Home Circle. 14. Montefiore Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Ass'n. 15. Providence Deaconess Home. 16. Salvation Army Corps, No. 1. 17. Randall Square Gospel Mission. 18. Sunday Breakfast Mission. 19. Wayside Mission. 20. India Point By-Way Mission. 21. Sophia Little Home. 22. New England Rest Cottage. 23. Providence Rescue Home and Mission. 24. R. I. Home for Working Boys. 25. Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island. 26. Union City Mission. 27. Union for Christian Work. 28. Neighborhood House. 29. Sprague House Ass'n. 30. Olneyville Boys' Club. 31. Providence Boys' Club. 32. Watchman Industrial School. 33. Providence Playground Ass'n. 34. Society of Hope. 35. Providence District Nurses Ass'n. 36. Providence Ass'n. for the Ministry to the Sick. 37. Nazareth Home. 38. Miriam Hospital Ass'n. |

CHARITABLE RELIEF AGENCIES.

This class of agencies are the most commonly understood as charitable agencies, often to the exclusion of many others which are active in the community, but which get neither the support nor the recognition that is accorded to this class of agencies. Their work is

†Some societies have endowments.

mainly palliative and deals with the conditions which need remedying, rather than with preventive measures. The list of agencies which we have been able to secure shows their number to be nineteen for Providence, two for Pawtucket, three for Newport and three for Woonsocket, but we are certain that there are many agencies from which information was not secured. If an attempt were made to secure complete information from the church societies and the various clubs which give relief as part of their work in the community, the list would have been very much longer, although in amount of money expended and number of persons assisted the record of such church societies or clubs would constitute a small part of the work done in the cities of the State. On the whole the list herein given is as complete as is necessary for our purposes, as the work of the other agencies is of a more or less personal character and their activities are carried on among a small circle of persons known to each other and seldom soliciting outside assistance.

Last year an attempt was made to ascertain the amount of money expended in the Charitable Relief Agencies in Providence, but when the figures were tabulated it was found that they were not entirely reliable, owing to the difficulty of securing information from the officials of the organizations. In many instances also it was found that the societies felt that neither the State nor any private individual was entitled to the accounts, unless they were contributors. In some cases we met with refusals and were referred so much from one person to another that the task of securing any accurate data this year had to be completely abandoned.

An examination of the general work of these agencies shows that only in the case of the Overseers of the Poor and the Society for Organizing Charity in Providence, The Charity Organization Society of Newport, Pawtucket, and Central Falls have paid workers who devote the larger part of all their time to the works of their respective organizations. In all other cases the work is left to the various committees or members who do the work for the society without pay. This system of work leads to many difficulties which are often objected

to by the better organized and more prominent organizations. The objections to the latter type of distributing relief are duplication and lack of proper investigation. Case after case is found where inexperienced volunteer workers are distributing aid where it would be for the best interest of the individual or the family receiving such aid to be assisted in some other way or in many cases even that relief be withheld. Within recent years the organized relief agencies have found duplication of every sort, and families that because of the ease with which relief can be obtained had made no effort to become self-supporting. Such procedure is wasteful to the charitable efforts of the community and still more injurious to those who are made the victims of disorganized, ill-informed and duplicated almsgiving.

It must not be inferred that the large amount of duplication and the numerous organizations assisting in our cities are meeting the needs of the community, nor that the amount of money spent is in excess of what is necessary, but rather that with a closer co-operation and a more thoroughly informed system of exchange of information between organizations better and more effective work could be done.

Both last year and in the course of this inquiry an effort was made to ascertain the amount of money spent in relief as such and the amount spent in office force, printing and general expenses not used strictly for relief, but all attempts to reach any reliable conclusions were futile. The same difficulty was met in the study of the number of beneficiaries, owing to the fact that some of the organizations counted their beneficiaries every time that they received relief while others counted each beneficiary once regardless of the number of times that relief was given. It is clear therefore that charity records are far from accurate or uniform and that much is yet to be done towards a more intelligent system of recording and accounting before our charity work can be accurately and easily measured.

On the whole the organizations in which there was a paid trained worker responded more readily to inquiries and their accounts seemed to show care and system. Further analysis of the work of these

organizations shows that their work is more largely constructive and permanent than in the case of the smaller volunteer organizations which depend upon untrained and constantly changing workers for their service. It was found also that while the salaries added considerably to the budget of the organizations employing paid workers that the service actually rendered aside from the mere almsgiving was much broader and intended to meet a larger number of needs than in the case of the societies without paid workers.

Legal aid, the finding of employment, assistance in securing the interest and co-operation of agencies especially fitted to deal with particular cases, the distribution of clothing and other articles which are constantly being sent to the charitable societies, the tracing of relatives and the securing of aid which does not come directly from the treasury of the agency, the advice and vigilance exercised by these agencies over families which are on the border line between self-support and dependence, and many other activities which the care of the poor involves, are perhaps as valuable if not more so than the temporary relief that some agencies may render.

The method of raising funds differs with different organizations and only a small number depend upon the general public for their support. The small organizations generally depend upon the members of some particular organization or upon occasional entertainment or benefits which are patronized mostly by the members and friends of these organizations. This fact makes the income of the smaller private organizations more certain than in the case of the larger and more public organizations, which must depend upon the public for their support and which must appeal largely to the merits of their work rather than on the basis of friendly relationships as is the case in the smaller societies.

CHARITABLE RELIEF WITH RELIGIOUS AIM.

As is indicated in the last of this type of agencies it is clear that that there are a great many more agencies of this type than would be expected in the cities of the State. Whether this is due to an un-

due duplication of effort, or whether the workers are placing most of their emphasis upon the religious work is not definitely known, but the prevalence of missions would seem to indicate this latter tendency. The four largest organizations of this kind are The Church House, The Salvation Army, The Volunteers of America and The Deaconess Home. The work of all these organizations is both religious and charitable, the Deaconess Home and the Church House emphasizing the charity work, while the other two emphasize the religious work. The Salvation Army has its branches in the other cities of the State and the Deaconess Work has extended into Pawtucket.

The Church House in Providence has become an important agency for charitable relief and is the only organization of its kind that raises a large share of its funds through the beneficiaries themselves either by their labor or through payments which they make for service rendered.

Within recent years the practice of aiding dependents through missions has become common. Whether this is a desirable policy for the adults or not remains still to be shown, but the feeding of children in missions which is being practiced in Providence is so contrary to any intelligent policy in dealing with religious education that it should call forth protest from the church men of the State.

HOMES AND SHELTERS.

The list of homes and shelters is so large that one cannot resist the thought that some indication of a morbid social condition must be found in the very large number of institutional inmates of the cities of Rhode Island. Whether this is due to industrial conditions or whether family life is so disintegrated in many instances as to produce this large army of our institutional population is not safe to state. It is fair to say, however, that the establishment of such homes and institutions should be scrutinized with more care than is at present the practice and that children's institutions in particular, should be subject to the most rigid and systematic method of inspection. That such an inspection and supervision is needful is evident from the

events that took place in East Providence about eighteen months ago, when the conditions of one of the institutions for the care of little children was the subject of a legal inquiry.

HOMES FOR ADULTS.

The eight homes for adults, four of which are in Providence, two in Newport and one each in Pawtucket and Woonsocket represent a large service which is evidently needed. In connection with the Dexter Asylum, the largest institution of its kind in Providence, it must be said that the peculiar settlement laws in this State place a serious handicap upon worthy persons who should be cared for by the city.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

There are seven homes for children, one entirely maintained by the State and another only receiving a yearly appropriation from the State. It is interesting to note that of the six private institutions two are Catholic and provide for four hundred and forty children, as compared to the four non-Catholic institutions which provide together for about two hundred inmates, forty of whom are cared for in a Jewish institution.

HOMES FOR DEFECTIVES.

The Rhode Island Institute for the Deaf and the School for Feeble Minded Children are the only homes for defectives in the State. The former provides accommodations for seventy inmates and the latter for fifty.

PREVENTIVE AND PROBATION HOMES.

These homes meet a need in this city which is of the utmost importance. The inmates of these institutions are either of such character as to demand special attention or are entrusted to the

officers during critical periods in life when the freedom of a private home and the association of the street would be most dangerous. There are three homes of this kind in Providence which provide accommodations for eighty-four inmates. With the exception of \$1,000, appropriated by the State for the use of the Sophia Little Home, all the funds for the support of these institutions are derived from private contributions. The Sophia Little Home has also an endowment of \$19,000, which yields an annual revenue of \$780. It is significant that there is no temporary House of Detention for juveniles in this State.

PROTECTIVE HOMES.

There are only two such homes in the city of Providence. The Working Girls' Club, and the Bethany Home, the combined capacity of which provides for forty-two women and men.

These homes are not intended for dependent persons, but they give to their inmates such protection and comfort as could not otherwise be provided at the prices charged by these homes. They are protective agencies only in the broadest sense, and the qualifications of their inmates are such as would admit them to any decent home. In this class of homes may also be mentioned the Y. W. C. A., although strictly speaking the character of the latter has a somewhat wider scope.

TEMPORARY HOMES.

The Union City Mission and the Salvation Army Industrial Home provide temporary homes for men who on account of circumstances are forced to such temporary shelter at a very low cost. The total capacity of these two homes is fifty-six, and in the winter they are almost always more than filled. To the above-named homes may be added the Municipal Lodge, which provides beds for homeless men and women in exchange for a limited amount of work. The lodge connected with the Church House is another agency which furnishes sleeping quarters for men under particular conditions.

HEALTH AGENCIES.

In this class of agencies we place the hospitals, the dispensaries, the agencies which render service in the homes, by instructing in the care and treatment of the sick and by rendering such professional service as may be needed. Closely related to this group are the more or less militant educational agencies which are best represented by the Anti-Tuberculosis Associations of various kinds in the State.

HOSPITALS.

Every city has its own hospital aside from private institutions which may or may not be classed as philanthropic agencies in the sense in which the word is used in this bulletin. The Rhode Island Hospital in Providence is the largest institution of this kind and derives its income from the City of Providence and from the State aside from private contributions and endowments. The City Hospital of Providence has only recently been finished and is now rendering service. The Rhode Island Hospital, however, is still the leading institution in the State. The Newport, Woonsocket and the Twin City (Pawtucket and Central Falls) Hospitals are smaller institutions with limited equipments for service. The crying need at the present time is for a system of tuberculosis hospitals which would accommodate patients with tuberculosis in the advanced stage.

DISPENSARIES.

It is usual for most public hospitals to maintain dispensaries where free medical service can be obtained by needy persons. In Providence one dispensary has been established in the north end of Providence.

PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HEALTH OUTSIDE OF HOSPITALS.

The agencies for the promotion and protection of health in the cities of the State are of comparatively recent growth. They have

been developed out of earlier and less well-organized movements and have become more and more adjusted to the needs of the community.

Of the ten organizations, the District Nurses Associations which have become part of philanthropic work of every city are rendering the most far-reaching service. It is fair to say that the present interest in the district nurses has led to a more efficient and more generally recognized social service and has enlisted the co-operation of the public on a larger scale than any other single enterprise of a similar character in the State.

EDUCATIONAL HEALTH WORK.

This type of service might justly be classed among the educational agencies, but its distinctly sanitary character necessitates their being placed in a separate group. The most prominent and by far the most influential agency of this type is the Rhode Island Anti-Tuberculosis Association, with headquarters in Providence and with more or less closely affiliated branches in every city of the State and even the towns. The Pawtucket League has a paid secretary who devotes all his time to the work of reducing tuberculosis by means of education and the encouragement of policies which promote health and prevent disease. The Woonsocket and Newport organizations do not have paid secretaries but their work is of considerable value. In Providence the League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis is a committee of the Society for Organizing Charities, but a paid secretary is employed whose time is entirely devoted to the work of the League.

PROTECTIVE AGENCIES.

There are in Providence two protective agencies, the R. I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and the R. I. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

As in the case of the charitable societies, the number of children and animals that these societies helped can only be judged from the actual expenditure of maintaining such service. It may not be out of place

to note that the cost of the service for the protection of animals for 1908 was only \$43.81 less than the cost of service rendered to children during the same period. Whether this is due to the better care that children receive, or whether the interest in animals affects a wealthier and more philanthropic class, would be unsafe to conclude. It is a matter of significance that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has two and a half times as much property as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and an endowment of \$80,689.42, while the latter, as appears from the report, has no endowment, and less than half the amount of property.

The work of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children while centered in Providence, extends its activities over the entire State. This makes the work often difficult and places upon the agent a burden, which so far as can be seen from the reports of the Society is rather in excess of what should properly be expected under the present financial facilities of the Society.

EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL CENTERS.

In the case of the educational and social centers, as in the case of charitable relief agencies, the fact must be recognized that only part of the service rendered along this line can be recorded. The classes, clubs, and other organizations connected with religious institutions had to be omitted, both because it was practically impossible to draw the line between strictly philanthropic work and the activities which properly belong to the church and also because an inquiry into the philanthropic work of the church would have carried this study beyond its present scope.

At the time of this inquiry, there were in the city of Providence thirteen agencies which, according to our classification, belong in the educational and social center group. In Pawtucket there were four, in Woonsocket three, and in Newport two. Of these the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and the R. I. School of Design are most distinctly city centers, while the others emphasized neighborhood

service. The distribution of the centers throughout Providence while rarely causing overlapping of work, is not wholly beyond criticism from the standpoint of location. This is particularly true of the settlements, although in no case is the work entirely out of place in the localities in which the settlements are situated. Whether this is due to the scattered manner in which the city is laid out, or because the congestion is more recent than the location of the centers, is a matter of personal opinion. Both causes may have contributed to create the present distribution of the social centers.

The Providence and Newport Playground Associations are city agencies and their service, while at times concentrated in one center, is of general civic interest.

It may be worth nothing, also, that the State has come to recognize certain phases of the work carried on by the social centers by making a small annual appropriation to the North End Working Girls' Club, for library purposes.

The libraries and the Rhode Island School of Design are of the widest educational scope and are on the whole the most important agencies in the State.

The city playgrounds might be mentioned, but they are only a part of the general system of public education or at least are a part of the park system, which has long been a municipal function rather than a service intended only for the poor.

EMPLOYMENT AID.

Employment Agencies.—The means of securing employment are among the most important agencies for the prevention of poverty and distress. All charitable and philanthropic agencies are more or less helpful in securing work for their beneficiaries. Some of these organizations, such as the Y. M. C. A., maintain a department for this purpose, while others consider the service of securing employment to be their special line of activity. As appears from the classification in the first part of this bulletin, we have divided the employment

agencies into two groups: aid in the form of securing employment, and aid given especially to women while at work by bestowing the proper attention and care upon their smaller children during working hours.

It may be suggested, also, that the agencies especially engaged in securing employment may be classed into separate groups, namely, those that provide employment by directing their beneficiaries to employers, and the group of agencies which actually employs its beneficiaries in a more or less temporary manner. The State Free Employment Office is for the former, while the Rhode Island Exchange for Women's Work and the Women's City Missionary Society Laundry belong to the latter group.

The Rhode Island Exchange for Women's Work has its branches in Newport and Pawtucket as well as its headquarters in Providence and its service is of much value to women who are able to do a small amount of work in their homes. It is fortunate that only small quantities of work of a select type are chosen, as a service of this character on a larger scale and with a greater quantity of work granted each worker would lead to a system which might in time develop into a home industry which is by no means desirable.

The recent appropriation proposed by the State for a Branch Employment Office to be maintained in Woonsocket is a step in the direction of assisting the people of that city in adjusting the workers to the demands of the industries of the locality.

Day Nurseries.—Day nurseries are a product of modern industrial conditions and are an index of social service, which while in some instances needed, shows that the social order does not protect the home and the children in the best manner. This tendency of leaving little children in the care of nurseries while the mother is at work in the mill is a symptom of morbidity which should be dealt with more intelligently than has so far been possible. Every child in the day nursery means a disintegrated home and every such home fails to fulfill its mission towards its members. The capacity of the four day nurseries in Providence is about 200 children and the Paw-

tucket and Woonsocket day nurseries accommodate less than one hundred children.

Within the last few years there has been an increase in the number of day nurseries and in Providence two day nurseries were established within one year. Whether this increase in the number of nurseries in the city within less than two years should be considered an advance along the line of constructive charity or not is a question which can not altogether be answered in the affirmative. The opportunity that women find to leave their homes and enter upon some steady employment may, in the case of women with able-bodied husbands, result in permanent injury to the family. Such cases have come to the attention of charity workers in this and other cities. The day nursery problem is one that has much to expect from closer co-operation with other charitable agencies, as many day nursery cases are the result of far-reaching causes that deserve close scrutiny and care.

CIVIC AND REFORM AGENCIES.

The civic and reform agencies are all State organizations and cover a limited field of activity. The Consumer's League and the Anti-Saloon League are organizations with militant tendencies and their work deals with specific problems, the former placing most of its emphasis upon the problems relating to industrial conditions while the latter deals with civic activities mostly of an educational character. The Bureau of Social Research deals with a variety of problems and its main purpose is the investigation of conditions and the publication of facts. Its militant work is directly based upon investigations conducted by its agents. The Rhode Island League for Rural Progress is an organization which deals mainly with the social problems of the rural community and its leaders are mostly persons interested in agricultural work.

The Child Labor Committee is a local body organized under the National Child Labor Committee with headquarters in New York.

Its work has been particularly along the lines of securing child labor legislation and the enforcement of child labor laws.

The Newport Civic League has accomplished a great deal in lines of proper health regulations and has been instrumental in securing some building legislation which is in advance of legislation in any of the other cities of the State.

SPECIAL AGENCIES.

Owing to the small number of these agencies they have been placed in one group, although they could clearly be classed separately. The Working Men's Loan Association is, aside from its self-supporting character, the best means of reducing poverty among self-supporting families. The loan association prevents the worker from falling into the hands of money lenders and installment-plan agents. The latter often pauperizing worthy families, and in times of distress caused by accident or death leaves lasting marks on the self-respect of the workers who happen to be in need of cash.

The Rhode Island Society of Hope, with its branches in Providence, Newport and Pawtucket, is a small, practically self-supporting organization which renders such friendly assistance to the poor as is found necessary in the special cases which come to their notice. The work being of personal service and sociability, its scope is largely of a private character.

CONCLUSIONS.

The present effort to secure accurate data concerning the work and expenditures of the Philanthropic Agencies in the cities of this State as well as the similar effort made last year show clearly that it is impossible to ascertain the actual cost of our charity work and that in spite of a variety of letters and forms sent out little in the way of a general desire to inform the public of the doings of the philanthropic agencies was found.

Another deplorable feature of the work that is being done is a very

prevalent lack of intelligent and organized co-operation. That such co-operation is possible has been demonstrated by many of the local societies in specific cases and by the more extended and carefully organized Bureau of Exchange of Information maintained in Boston for the purpose of registering all cases that come before any of the philanthropic agencies and in that manner make possible the prompt exchange of information regarding existing cases and agencies dealing with such cases. Such a Bureau would add greatly to the efficiency of the work in this State and would save much of the present wasteful duplication of effort.

The work of many of the charitable societies is not limited to any particular territory in any of the cities, but each society does its work in its own way, sharing the same territory with many other similar agencies, often working with the same families or individuals. A probable means of avoiding duplication might be found in the use of a territorial system whereby each society would be placed in charge of a district and would be aided by other agencies in meeting the exigencies of that district. This would lead to a more thorough knowledge of the neighborhood and a better understanding of conditions.

The settlement laws of the State make the placing of persons in the institutions connected with the cities extremely difficult and at the same time places an undue burden upon the State. This difficulty of our settlement laws has often been discussed by social workers and has proven to be one of the most obnoxious and unfair legal provisions in our whole system of welfare legislation. A proper change in the settlement law of the State must be provided as soon as possible to meet the needs of both the larger and the smaller communities.

The absence of any uniform system of accounts in many of the philanthropic agencies deprives the giving public of one of its rights, namely, reliable and accessible information concerning the use of money. In many cases, particularly in institutions the city or State make generous contributions towards the work, but no reports of the expenditures are made to the State. Such a practice places the State at the mercy of public sentiment without any particular regard to the

actual service rendered by city or State subsidized institutions. To meet this difficulty the State should require of all incorporated philanthropic agencies a yearly report of work done and distribution of expenditures. This would in many instances meet the demand for public reports which might be issued in the form of a report by some State department in charge of receiving such reports and would supply the public with official information concerning the agencies which are dependent upon them for support. Such system of reporting would also furnish the State legislature and the city appropriating bodies in the case of institutions receiving public money with data upon which to base the appropriation granted. Many states have already gone a good ways towards compulsory reporting and the State of Rhode Island would be greatly benefited by such a system.

One more problem which naturally presents itself to the student of charity work in a community is the care of the families of prisoners. It has been found that many of the families of prisoners become public charges or at least partly dependent as soon as the head of the family is confined in prison. This throws upon the overseers of the poor and the charitable societies a burden which they cannot easily bear and which in the long run so reduces the available funds for relief as to make them a real loss to the families which are in need because of more legitimate and less controllable conditions than those caused by crime. Recently a system of profit sharing between the State and the prisoners in the State prison was established through the efforts of Warden McCusker, but owing to the industrial system in use the amount that comes regularly to the prisoner is far from sufficient to meet the needs of the families. Some more effective and more remunerative system of profit sharing if established in our prisons would greatly relieve the present responsibility of the relief agencies and would tend to increase their efficiency. This method would be particularly effective in the case of family deserters who at the present time cannot be punished without throwing a heavier burden upon the family than upon the deserter.

This general survey of the charitable work in the cities of this State clearly indicates that there are a great many agencies which are doing the same type of work and that a closer co-operation would result in a reduction in the number of such organizations, resulting in an increase in the efficiency, and greater economy without reduction in the amount of service.

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NATIONAL AGENCY.

American National Red Cross, Rhode Island State Board, 15 Westminster street, room 401. President, Governor Aram J. Pothier, *ex-officio*; Secretary, George G. Wilson, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Treasurer, Edward Aborn Greene.

STATE AGENCIES.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND. President, Albert D. Mead, Ph. D., Brown University; Secretary and Treasurer, Alice W. Wilcox, 165 Prospect street.

BUREAU OF SOCIAL RESEARCH, 55 Eddy street. President, Prescott O. Clarke; Secretary, Mrs. Edward S. Moulton, 3244 Pawtucket avenue, East Providence; Treasurer, Charles M. Young.

CONSUMERS' LEAGUE OF RHODE ISLAND. President, Robert P. Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, Alice W. Hunt, 152 Irving avenue.

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS OF RHODE ISLAND. Meets semi-annually at 55 Eddy street, room 507. President, Rev. Edward Holyoke, D. D. Field Secretary, Rev. E. T. Root, 55 Eddy street; Treasurer, Charles H. Philbrick, 314 Banigan Building.

LEAGUE OF IMPROVEMENT SOCIETIES IN RHODE ISLAND. President, Edwin A. Noyes, East Greenwich; Secretary, Luther D. Burlingame, 15 Catalpa road.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF RHODE ISLAND. Organized 1889. President, Mrs. Amasa M. Eaton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joseph

H. Kendrick, 26 Alumni avenue; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sidney R. Burleigh, 69 College street; Treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Thornton, 571 Pleasant street, Pawtucket, R. I.

METROPOLITAN PARK COMMISSION, 32 Custom House street, room 1. President, Fenner H. Peckham; Secretary, Henry A. Barker, 32 Custom House street; Charleton D. Putnam, Engineer.

RHODE ISLAND ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE. Meets monthly at room 324, 171 Westminster Street; Secretary, Rev. John A. Hainer, Superintendent, A. B. Cristy.

RHODE ISLAND ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION. 55 Eddy street, Room 508. President, James R. Maccoll; 1st Vice-President, William A. Viall; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Charles V. Chapin; Secretary, Wallace Hatch, 177 Columbia avenue, Edgewood; Treasurer, Walter G. Brown.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED. Exeter, R. I.

RHODE ISLAND HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY, 29 Exchange street, Room 24. Incorporated 1904. President, Hon. J. H. Stiness; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary E. Eddy; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Elizabeth W. Olney; Assistant, Miss Helen Hall; Treasurer, Edward P. Metcalf; Annual meeting in April.

RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS. President, Rev. E. T. Root; Vice-President, Frank E. Marchant, West Kingston; Secretary and Treasurer, A. E. Stene, Superintendent Extension Work, Rhode Island College, Kingston.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, 11 Waterman street. President Isaac C. Bates; Vice-President, Theodore F. Greene; Treasurer, Stephen O. Metcalf; Secretary, Howard M. Rice, 272 Benefit street.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Annual meeting fourth Tuesday in April. Office, 27 and 29 Exchange Place, Room 25. President, Samuel S. Durfee; Secretary, James N. Smith.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN, 98 Doyle avenue. Organized April, 1882. President, Lauriston H. Hazard; Secretary, Thomas B. Maymon, office, 55 Eddy street, room 302.

RHODE ISLAND STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. President, Mrs. Charles H. Beach; Secretary, Mrs. Ellis W. MacAllister, 230 Doyle avenue; Registrar, Mrs. Lincoln Davis; Treasurer, Miss Julia Pepper, 13 Chapin avenue.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF RHODE ISLAND. Headquarters, room 319, Butler's Exchange. Meets once in two months. Annual meeting in October. President, Deborah K. Livingston, 5 East street; Secretary, Miss Mary E. Olney, 319 Butler Exchange.

BETHANY HOME OF RHODE ISLAND, 111 SOUTH ANGELL STREET. Institution; established 1891, incorporated 1894.—Provides a temporary home for respectable women, between the ages of 18 and 65, not otherwise provided for. Governed by board of managers. President, Nathan W. Littlefield; Treasurer, Charles W. Bubier; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur D. Greene. Executive committee, same as board of managers.

Applications for admission should be made to Miss Ruth A. Haskell, 68 Lloyd avenue, or Mrs. J. W. Rice, 303 Washington street. Decisions as to amount and kind of aid given, made by board of managers. Limits—age, 16 to 65; sex, women. Matron, Miss Elizabeth Kerr. Capacity for inmates, 32 women. Value of Property, \$20,000. Mortgage, \$15,000. Building, good condition. Adequate sewerage. Ground, 20,000 square feet. Accounts audited annually by officers. Employees, matron and two maids.

CARTER, EDWARD A., DAY NURSERY (adjacent to the Nazareth Home, 301 Pine street). Institution; established 1909.—Provides a day nursery for poor children and a meeting place for sewing for the

poor. Under the auspices of the Nazareth Home, by which it is governed. President, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Treasurer, Rev. Austin Dowling; Secretary, Edward Carr. Applications for admission should be made to Sister Celine at the Home, mornings. Limits—territory in the vicinity of the day nursery; age, not over 10 years. Property owned by Nazareth Home. Condition of buildings, excellent. Has adequate sewerage. Large yard for playground. Charge for admission, 5 cents a day. Funds collected by Queen's Daughters, and by voluntary contribution.

CHURCH HOUSE, THE, 122 Fountain street. Institution; established and incorporated 1909.—Co-operates with churches and other charitable societies in charitable and religious work. Governed by board of directors. President, Right Rev. James De Wolf Perry; Treasurer, Nathan B. Barton; Secretary, Rev. Artley B. Parsons. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to the superintendent, 370 Thayer street or 122 Fountain street. Amount and kind of aid to be given decided by the superintendent in conference with managers of other charitable institutions. Has sleeping accommodations for 60. Condition of buildings, fair. Has adequate sewerage. Charge for board, \$3.00 per week. Funds collected personally by officers and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly. Number of employees, six.

DEXTER ASYLUM, Hope street, opposite Brown. Institution; established 1827.—Object, to provide an almshouse for city of Providence. Governed by the mayor and board of aldermen of city of Providence. President, mayor of the city; treasurer, city treasurer; secretary, the city clerk. The executive committee consists of the mayor and board of aldermen of city of Providence. Applications for admission should be made to the Overseer of the Poor, 616 Eddy street. Amount and kind of aid determined by rules of institution. Limits—citizens of Providence at present having a legal settlement.

Superintendent, John T. Brown. Matron, Mrs. Mary A. Brown. Accommodates 64 men, 64 women, and 18 children. Property valuation, \$816,484. Condition of buildings, good. Has adequate sewerage. Amount of ground connected with institution, 1,685,-962 square feet. Valued at \$252,894. Endowment the property itself. Income from charge for care, or board, \$532 per inmate. Funds collected by overseer of the poor. Accounts audited regularly by city auditor.

FINDING AND DOING HOME CIRCLE, 86 Tobey street. Society; established 1902.—Object, sewing for charity. President and treasurer, Mrs. Bradford F. Pierce; Secretary, Mrs. Elton W. Briggs. Applications for aid should be made to the president, 86 Tobey street. Temporary distress among poor families alleviated.

FREE DISPENSARY. Orms street.

HOME FOR AGED COLORED WOMEN, THE, 45 East Transit street. Institution; established and incorporated 1890.—Provides a home and aids in the maintenance of aged colored women in indigent circumstances. Governed by a board of managers. President, Mrs. Charles H. Merriman; Treasurer, Mrs. Wilfred H. Munro; Secretary, Mrs. Harry Hall Gross. Has board of managers.

Applications for aid should be made to board of managers. Limits—age, 60 years and over; sex, female; color, black. Matron, Mrs. Ambrosia Douglass. Capacity for inmates, 12. Property valued at \$7,000; insurance, \$3,000. Condition of buildings, good. Adequate sewerage. Grounds, about one-fourth acre. Charge for admission, \$150. Funds collected from investments, admission fees, from churches, private contributions, and entertainments. Accounts audited regularly.

HOME FOR AGED MEN AND AGED COUPLES, 804 Broad street. Institution, established and incorporated, 1875.—Provides a home for aged people. Governed by board of managers. President, Gen.

E. H. Rhodes; Treasurer, William T. Crandell; Secretary, Mrs. T. W. Waterman. Executive committee, same as board of managers.

Applications for admission should be made to H. A. Atkins, 36 Mitchell Street. Limits—age, 70; religion, Protestant; nationality, American. Matron, Miss Ellen A. C. Hunt—Capacity for inmates, 52; men, 45; women, 7. Value of property, \$200,000; insurance, \$70,000. No debt. Buildings, condition excellent. Adequate sewerage. Ground, 1½ acres. Funds collected from investments and by treasurer, bonded. Accounts audited twice a year by official auditors.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN, 180 Tockwotton street. Institution; established 1856; incorporated 1857.—Governed by corporation. President, Mrs. Charles A. Russell; Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Sackett; Secretary, Emma T. Bradford.

Applications for admission should be made to executive board, or committee on admission. Executive board decides amount and kind of aid to be given. Limits—age, not under 65. Matron, Mrs. George Manton. Accommodates 40 inmates. Valuation of property not given. Condition of building, good. Has adequate sewerage. Charge for admission to institution, \$200. Funds collected by duly authorized collectors. Accounts audited regularly.

HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND, 62-64 Jackson street. Institution; established and incorporated 1904.—Provides a homœopathic hospital, especially for the purpose of aiding those financially unable to pay for hospital treatment. Under the auspices of the homœopathic physicians of Rhode Island. Governed by a board of trustees. President, William H. Waite; Treasurer, William P. Goodwin; Secretary, David P. Moulton. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to C. H. French, M. D., superintendent, 62 Jackson street, between the hours 9-10 A. M., 2-4 and 7-8 P. M. Applications for aid should be made to any officer of institution. Superintendent decides upon amount and kind of aid

to be given. Only limit as to beneficiaries, must be residents of State of Rhode Island. Principal officer, Superintendent C. H. French, M. D.; Matron, Miss Lydia M. Dyer. Capacity for patients, 21. Value of property, \$24,000. Mortgage bonds, \$17,370. Condition of buildings good. Nurses' home and dispensary rented (\$540). Adequate sewerage. Ground, 4,300 square feet. Endowment, \$4,000. Board from \$10 to \$25 per week. Funds collected by officers and salaried employees and by entertainments. Accounts audited by one of trustees. No salaried officers. Auxiliary department, dispensary, 70 Jackson street.

INDIA POINT BYWAY MISSION, 33 Conduit street. Society; established 1909.—Object, religious work. Under auspices of the Pond street church. President, Mr. H. Pierce; Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Jackson; Secretary, Mr. T. Miller. Has committee of missionary workers. Limited to work among the Africo-Americans.

IRREPRESSIBLE SOCIETY. Society; incorporated 1873.—Aids in the general charitable work of Providence. Governed by board of managers. President, Mrs. Walter A. Peck; Treasurer, Miss Louise Hunt; Secretary, Miss Emma Taft.

Kind and amount of aid rendered decided by the president. Value of property (endowment), \$7,300. Funds obtained from endowment, annual subscriptions, special collections, and sales. Accounts audited regularly.

JEWISH ORPHANAGE OF PROVIDENCE, 151 Orms street. Institution; established and incorporated 1909.—Provides a home for Jewish orphans, and dependent children of Rhode Island, under the auspices of the Jewish men and women of Rhode Island. Governed by board of directors. President, Maurice J. Karpeles; Treasurer, Harry Robinson; Secretary, Charles L. Alexander. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to the superintendent, 151 Orms street, Saturdays, 2-4 P. M. Limited to those of Jewish

religion. Matron, Mrs. Ida Balatow. Capacity for 40 inmates. Building, fair condition. Yearly rental, \$500. Adequate sewerage. Funds collected from dues; by officers, on commission, 10 per cent. basis, and by entertainments. Accounts audited by finance committee.

Kings Daughters and Sons, R. I. Branch of.

Providence Branch.

Newport Branch.

LEAGUE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF TUBERCULOSIS, 55 Eddy street. Society; established 1905.—Endeavors to combat spread of tuberculosis, better conditions of sufferers from this disease and to promote their recovery. Governed by executive committee. Chairman, Dr. Jay Perkins; Treasurer, Mr. Preston H. Gardner; Assistant Secretary, Miss Mary Murray.

Applications for aid should be made to officers of society, 55 Eddy street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by relief committee. Limit of territory, city of Providence. Funds collected by letters, personal solicitation, officers and salaried employees. Accounts audited annually by auditor appointed by board of directors. All the cost of the administrative work of this organization is paid by the Society for Organizing Charity.

LEND A HAND SOCIETY. Society: Lend a hand where it is necessary. Under the auspices of the National Lend a Hand Societies (Unitarian). President, Mrs. Augustus M. Lord, 346 Cushing street; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Peck, 106 George street, to whom applications for assistance should be made. Amount and kind of aid given, decided by society as a whole. Limits—territory, city of Providence. Funds collected from membership dues and from entertainments. Accounts not audited.

MIRIAM HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. Society; established 1907.—Aids the poor and sick, particularly among the Jews. Governed by an

executive committee. President, S. L. Tatz; Secretary, Mr. S. L. Tatz; Treasurer, Mr. B. Woolf.

Applications for aid should be made to Mrs. M. D. Grant, 176 Prairie avenue. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by executive board. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island. Income therefrom, \$32.; from funds, \$500. Funds collected personally by officers, by entertainments, and by paid solicitors, who are under bonds. Accounts audited regularly. The association maintains a bed in the Rhode Island Hospital for which it expends annually \$250.

MONTIFIORÉ LADIES HEBREW BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. Meets at 881 Westminster street. Society established and incorporated 1878.—Practices charity and benevolence among poor and unfortunate in Providence, under auspices of Jewish women of city. Governed by board of trustees. President, Mrs. D. C. Fink; Treasurer, Mrs. S. K. Grover; Secretary, Mrs. H. Robinson. Has executive committee.

Applications for aid should be made to Mrs. M. Einstein, 72 Glenham street, from 8 to 10 A. M. daily. Decisions as to aid to be given made by Mrs. M. Einstein. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island; age 45; sex, female; color, white; Jewish religion. Property rented, \$240 per year. Funds collected from membership dues, donations, and entertainments. Visiting committee investigates conditions before aid is given. Accounts audited regularly by trustees.

NAZARETH HOME, 301 Pine street. Society; established and incorporated 1907.—Aims to provide nurses to visit and nurse sick people in their homes. Also maintains day nursery for care and instruction of poor children. Under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church. President, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Treasurer, Rev. Austin Dowling; Secretary, Edward Carr. Applications for aid should be made to Sister Celine at the home. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by Sister Celine. Limits—territory, the city of Providence. Valuation of property, \$30,000. Debt, \$4,000. Condition

of buildings, excellent. Has adequate sewerage. Twelve thousand feet of ground. Funds collected by Queen's Daughters, by entertainments and dues, and receipts from day nursery.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD OF AMERICA, THE, PROVIDENCE BRANCH. Society; established 1893; incorporated 1896.—Collects new garments and distributes them to hospitals, homes, and other charities. Governed by executive committee. President, Mrs. Frederick Talbott; Treasurer, Miss Jane L. Anthony; Secretary, Mrs. James A. Nealey. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to Mrs. James A. Nealey, 27 Cabot street. Amount and kind of aid, decided by officers and section president. Limits—territory, the State of Rhode Island. Income from private contributions. Funds or garments collected personally by officers and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION, 206 Point street; established and incorporated 1907.—Works for the social betterment of the neighborhood. Governed by board of managers. President, Wm. H. P. Faunce; Treasurer, John H. Mason; Secretary, Herbert C. Wells. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for assistance should be made to the Head Worker, 206 Point street, 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., excepting Fridays. Amount and kind of aid to be given to be decided by head worker, subject to board of managers. Limits—territory, about one-third of a mile from the house as a center. Condition of building, good. Net yearly rental \$150. Amount of ground, 9,740 square feet. Funds collected by solicitors. Accounts audited regularly.

NEW ENGLAND REST COTTAGE, 4 Avon street. Institution; established 1902; incorporated 1906.—Endeavors to rescue unfortunate girls from lives of temptation and impurity. An undenominational Protestant home. Governed by board of trustees. President,

John S. Kimber, Newport, R. I.; Treasurer, Charles B. Donle, Providence; Secretary, Grace I. Potter.

Applications for admission should be made to the superintendent, 36 Garnet street, Providence, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., who decides upon amount and kind of aid to be given. Limits—territory, New England; sex, female. Matron, Miss Susie Scott. Accommodates 26 inmates. Valuation of property, \$7,000. Insurance, \$3,000. Mortgage, \$1,500. Condition of buildings, good. Adequate sewerage. Grounds, about 2 acres. Funds collected by officers and by voluntary contributions. Accounts audited regularly.

NORTH END WORKING GIRLS' CLUB, 49 Orms street. Society; established 1889.—Affords working girls an opportunity for study and recreation. Under the auspices of the R. I. Association of Working Women's Clubs, and the National League of Women Workers. Governed by club council. Limits—age, over 7; sex, female. Buildings, good condition; adequate sewerage. Funds collected by renting rooms to a dispensary, by dues and associate members, and by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly. Also conducts a free library, open four days a week, for which State aid is received amounting to \$75.00.

OLNEYVILLE BOY'S CLUB, THE, 4 Plainfield Street. Society; established and incorporated 1907. Works to help boys live clean lives and to become good citizens. Governed by a board of directors. President, E. J. San Souci; Treasurer, John P. Farnsworth; Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Harris.

Limits—Olneyville section of Providence; age, 8 to 18; sex, male. Rents property, \$400 per annum. Does not have adequate sewerage. Funds collected personally by officers and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly.

POOR DEPARTMENT, CITY OF PROVIDENCE, 616 Eddy street. Institution.—Furnishing relief to families in their homes. Also medical attendance, when necessary. Burial of the dead, who have no means

or friends to do it. Transportation of paupers out of the city, who do not claim a residence. Sending of all unsettled persons, who are sick, or infirm, to hospital or State Almshouse. Sending of unsettled persons to Dexter Asylum. The placing of children who are deserted by parents, or left dependent by death of parents, in homes. The caring for, temporarily, of men tramps, who have no home, in the Municipal Lodge, and women and children in the Charity Building. Under the auspices of the city of Providence. Governed by a committee of three, of the board of aldermen. Application for help should be made at 616 Eddy street. Amount and kind of aid decided by overseer of the poor. Limits—territory, city of Providence. Matron, Miss Lizzie M. Cummings. Sleeping accommodations for 125; men, 100; women, 17; children, 8. Condition of buildings, good. Adequate sewerage.

PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK. Society; established, 1879; incorporated, 1887.—Cares for the sick poor of Providence, in their homes. Governed by a board of visitors, President, Mrs. Phebe G. Gamwell; Treasurer, Miss Anna F. Greene; Secretary, Miss Katherine C. Gurney. Has an executive committee and board of visitors.

Applications for aid should be made to any member of the Board of Visitors. Amount and kind of aid, decided by board of visitors. Limits of territory, city of Providence. Funds collected by collectors, and by voluntary contributions. Accounts audited regularly.

PROVIDENCE BOYS' CLUB, 33 Canal street. Society; established, 1899; incorporated, 1905.—Its aim is to improve the mental, moral, physical, and social condition of boys requiring such care, and to maintain a building or room for their use. Governed by a board of directors. President, William T. Crandell; Treasurer, H. Howard Pepper; Secretary, Livingston Ham.

Applications for aid should be made to the superintendent, at 33 Canal street; office hours, 9 to 10 A. M., and 7 to 9 P. M. Funds

collected by correspondence and by superintendent. Accounts audited regularly.

PROVIDENCE CHARITABLE FUEL SOCIETY, 813 Industrial Trust Building. Society; established, 1826; incorporated, 1877.—Distributes fuel to the worthy and deserving poor of the city of Providence. Governed by board of directors. President, Arthur W. Claffin; Treasurer, Samuel H. Tingley; Secretary, Christopher B. Arnold. Has board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to any member of the board of directors. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by directors. Limit—territory, city of Providence. Funds collected by officers, by correspondence and on commission, five per cent. basis. Accounts audited regularly by auditor.

PROVIDENCE CHARITABLE SOCIETY, 86 Weybosset street.

PROVIDENCE CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, 23 Tobey street. Institution; established, 1836; incorporated, 1891.—Assists needy children in every possible way. Under auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Governed by executive board. President, Frances E. Bates; Treasurer, Miss Eleanor B. Pierce; Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Jacobs. Applications for admission should be made to the superintendent, 23 Tobey street. Limits—age 3 to 12; color, white; religion, Protestant. Superintendent, Cora L. Sawyer. Has sleeping accommodations for 82. Building in good condition. Has adequate sewerage. Charge for board, \$2 per week or less.

PROVIDENCE DAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION. Hope Day Nursery, 167 Chestnut street, incorporated, 1886; and Grace Memorial Home, 133 Delaine street, incorporated, 1891. Institution. Organized for the care and instruction of poor children in the city of Providence. Governed by board of managers. President, Miss Helen Chace; Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Smith; Secretary, Miss Isabelle J. Charnley. Has board of managers.

Applications for admission should be made to housemother at either 167 Chestnut street, or 133 Delaine street, 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. Board of managers decides upon amount and kind of aid to be given. Limits—age, 2 months to 9 years. Matrons, Miss Anna Pim and Miss Ella W. Rhoades. Accommodates 50 children at each nursery. Property valuation, \$10,000. Insurance, \$6,500. Buildings, fair condition. Adequate sewerage. Ground, one-half acre. Charge for care, five cents per day. Funds collected personally by managers. Accounts audited regularly.

PROVIDENCE DEACONESS HOME OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 26 Bridgham street. Established, 1895; incorporated, 1894.—Works for charitable and religious purposes among the poor and needy. Governed by board of managers. Has executive committee and board of directors. President, Henry A. Fifield; Treasurer, Carrie K. Shaw; Secretary, Elmer D. Nickerson.

Applications for aid should be made to Blanche L. Baker, 26 Bridgham street. Has eight deaconesses covering entire city, who decide upon amount and kind of aid. Value of property, \$6,000. Insurance, \$5,000; mortgage, \$3,300. Funds collected by subscription. Accounts audited regularly. Summer cottage at Kettle Point for fresh-air outings for poor mothers and children.

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION, 55 Eddy street. Society; established, 1900; incorporated, 1902.—Provides trained nurses to care for sick poor in their homes. Governed by board of managers. President, William H. Sweetland; Treasurer, Royal C. Taft, Jr.; Secretary, Mrs. Alex. W. Atherton. Has board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to superintendent of nurses, Miss Mary S. Gardner, 55 Eddy street, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Amount and kind of aid given, decided by board of managers. Limits—territory, city of Providence. Funds collected by voluntary contributions. Accounts audited regularly by auditor.

PROVIDENCE FEMALE CHARITABLE SOCIETY. Established, 1800; incorporated, 1802.—Works for the relief of illiterate women and children. Governed by officers and executive committee. Treasurer, Miss Eleanor B. Green; Secretary, Miss M. L. Dwight.

Applications for assistance should be made to Society for Organizing Charities, 55 Eddy street. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by the secretary, treasurer, and managers. Limits—territory, Providence; sex, female; nationality, American.

PROVIDENCE LYING-IN HOSPITAL, 76 State street. Institution; established and incorporated, 1884.—Provides a place for the confinement of women who are without means and suitable abode at the time of child-birth, and for such other women as may wish for any cause to pay a stipulated price for the privilege of being confined in a well-regulated hospital, and also for the care of sick or immature children. Governed by a board of trustees. President, Dr. John W. Mitchell; Treasurer, Edward L. Watson; Secretary, William L. Hodgman. Has board of trustees.

Applications for admission should be made to the superintendent, 96 State street. Accommodates 28 women and 28 babies. Property valued at \$35,000; insurance, \$27,700; mortgage, \$2,500. Buildings, good condition. Adequate sewerage. Grounds, 20,000 square feet. Endowment, \$15,000. Accounts audited regularly.

PROVIDENCE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION. Society; established and incorporated, 1909.—Endeavors to promote playground movement in Providence. Governed by board of directors. President, Hon. Frederick Rueckert; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. S. Root; Secretary, Rush Sturges. Has executive committee and board of directors. Limits—territory, city of Providence. Funds collected personally by finance committee and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly.

PROVIDENCE RESCUE HOME AND MISSION, 41 Beacon avenue. Institution; established and incorporated, 1895.—Affords a tem-

porary refuge for women who have fallen into evil lives, and endeavors to help them in every feasible manner. Governed by board of managers. President, Charles W. Bubier; Treasurer, Rathbone Gardner; Secretary, Frank L. Tingley. Has board of managers.

Applications for aid should be made to Miss Margaret H. Denehy, 41 Beacon avenue. Amount and kind of aid decided by matron, subject to board of managers. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island; age over 12; sex, female. Matron, Miss Margaret H. Denehy. Accommodations, 25 women. Property valued at \$9,000; insurance, \$9,000; mortgage, \$5,200. Building, good condition. Adequate sewerage. Endowment, \$500. Funds collected personally by officers and managers and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly by auditing committee.

PROVIDENCE SHELTER FOR COLORED CHILDREN, 20 Olive street. Society; established, 1839.—A home for colored orphan children. Governed by board of managers. President, Mrs. Harriet N. Lathrop. Secretary, Mrs. Charles Sisson; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellen O. Peck.

Applications for admission should be made to the matron, 20 Olive street.

PROVIDENCE SOCIETY FOR ORGANIZING CHARITY, 332 Butler Exchange. Society; established 1892; incorporated, 1898.—Established for purpose of organizing charitable work, diminishing pauperism, and improving the condition of the poor. An independent secular organization. Governed by board of directors. President, Dr. W. H. P. Faunce; Treasurer, Mr. Preston H. Gardner; Secretary, Mr. Franklin L. Hall. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to officers of society, 55 Eddy street, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Amount and kind of aid given, decided by general manager in consultation with visitors of society. Limits—territory, city of Providence. Funds collected by letters and by personal solicitation, by officers and salaried employees.

Accounts audited annually by auditor appointed by board of directors.

PROVIDENCE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 519 Westminster street. Institution; established 1854.—Provides for the physical, mental, and moral uplift of young men. Governed by board of directors. President, Frederick H. Fuller; General Secretary, Lewis E. Hawkins.

Applications for admission should be made to general secretary, 519 Westminster street, 9 A. M., to 10 P. M. Limits; age, 12 years and upward; sex, male. Value of property, \$200,000. Original cost, \$175,000. Insurance, \$100,000; mortgage, \$30,000. Condition of building, good. Adequate sewerage. Value of ground covered by building, \$50,000. Endowment, \$10,000. Charge for admission, \$3.00 to \$20.00. Funds collected personally by officers, by salaried employees, by correspondence, and by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly by professional accountants.

RANDALL SQUARE GOSPEL MISSION, 57 Chalkstone avenue. Society; established 1895.—Works to spread the teachings of the Bible, and to do good in every way possible. Governed by an executive committee, and a board of directors. President and Treasurer, William G. Lawton, to whom application should be made for assistance, 57 Chalkstone avenue, 7:30–9:30 P. M. Amount and kind of aid decided by officers. Rents property, \$144 per annum. Collected by superintendent and assistants. Accounts audited regularly.

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC ORPHAN ASYLUM, Prairie avenue. Institution; established 1851; incorporated, 1861.—Cares for destitute orphan children, and for such other children as may not be provided for by their natural protectors. Under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence. Governed by executive committee. President and Treasurer, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Secretary, John J. Hoey.

Application for admission should be made to superintendent, 753 Prairie avenue. Limits—territory, Rhode Island. Has accommodation for 290 children. Valuation of property, buildings, \$85,000. Grounds, $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres, value, \$20,000. Insurance, \$69,000. Debt, \$20,000. Condition of buildings, good. Has adequate sewerage. Endowment, \$60,000. Funds collected by appeals to those charitably disposed, and by salaried employees. Accounts are audited regularly.

RHODE ISLAND EXCHANGE FOR WOMEN'S WORK, 240 Benefit street. Society; established and incorporated 1880.—Provides an agency for receiving and selling women's work of any kind. Governed by a board of managers. President, Mrs. Edward Carrington; Treasurer, Miss Louisa A. Sweetland; Secretary, Miss Louise C. Hoppin. Has executive committee and board of managers.

Applications for placing work should be made to the superintendent, 240 Benefit street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Limits—sex, women. Rents property, \$600 per year. Funds collected personally by officers and by correspondence. Income from private contributions, not given. Accounts audited regularly.

RHODE ISLAND HOME FOR WORKING BOYS, 42 Park street. Institution; established, 1898.—Looks after dependent boys, until able to care for themselves. Governed by executive committee. President, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Treasurer, Rev. James T. Ward; Secretary, Joseph M. Tally.

Application for admission should be made at home. Limit—age, 12–18; sex, male. Matron, Miss Mary Callahan. Accommodates 40. Condition of building, good. Adequate sewerage.

RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL, THE, Eddy street. Institution; established 1868; incorporated 1863.—Provides a hospital for the sick and injured. Governed by a board of trustees. President, R. I. Gam-mell; Treasurer, Edward D. Pearce; Secretary, Edward Aborn Greene. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to John M. Peters, M. D., R. I. Hospital, hours, 9 to 6. Matron, Miss Ida A. Potter. Capacity for patients, 180 men, 180 women, and 20 children. Owns property, valued \$1,560,457.15. Condition of buildings, excellent. Adequate sewerage. Amount of endowment, \$896,553.32. Charge for care or board, \$11.20 per week. Accounts audited regularly by paid auditor. Auxiliary departments, out-patient department, and Crawford Allen Hospital for children at Quidnesset, R. I.

RHODE ISLAND INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF, 520 Hope street. Institution; established 1876; incorporated 1877.—Provides education for deaf persons. Governed by board of trustees. President, William H. Ballou; Secretary, Mrs. Ella T. McGuinness. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to Principal, Edwin G. Hurd, 520 Hope street. Amount and kind of aid decided by board of trustees. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island; age, 3 to 20 years. Matron, Catherine J. Meyers. Capacity for 70 children. Valuation of property, \$100,000. Buildings in good condition. Adequate sewerage. Grounds, 2½ acres. Charge per annum for pupils from other states, \$300 to \$400. Income from State. Accounts audited regularly by State auditor.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. 27 Exchange street. Society; established and incorporated 1870.—Endeavors to prevent cruelty to animals. Governed by executive committee and board of managers. President, Samuel S. Durfee; Treasurer, Albert Babcock; Secretary, James N. Smith. The officers constitute a board of managers.

Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island. Property valued at \$12,298.20. Insurance, \$5,008.50. Buildings, good condition. Adequate sewerage. Endowment, \$80,689.42. Funds collected by correspondence; small amount on commission, 20 per cent. rate. Accounts audited regularly.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN, 20 Market Square. Institution; established and incorporated 1882.—Provides for the prevention of cruelty to children. Governed by board of directors. President, Lauriston H. Hazard; Treasurer, Harold Congdon; Secretary, Thomas B. Maymon. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for assistance should be made to Thomas B. Maymon, 55 Eddy street, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Decisions as to assistance, made by General Agent, Thomas B. Maymon. Limits of territory, State of Rhode Island. Age, 16 years. Matron, Mary E. Kelley. Accommodates 30 children. Property valuation, \$5,000. Buildings, good condition. Funds collected by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly by auditing committee.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY OF HOPE. Society; established 1904.—Members visit the blind for the purpose of reading to them, and rendering such other assistance as is possible. President, Miss Cornelia D. Harrington, 88 Hudson street, Providence; Treasurer, Miss Nellie Read, 240 Lockwood street, Providence; Secretary, Miss Maud L. Cogan, 382 Blackstone street, Providence. Applications for aid should be made to the president. Occasional contributions are received from friends. Society is instrumental in placing children in the Perkins Institute, Boston, and in teaching the blind to read.

RHODE ISLAND STATE FREE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, 557 Westminster street. Established 1907.—Provides an opportunity for registering applications for work, as well as applications for help to residents of Rhode Island, without charge. Governed by the Rhode Island Bureau of Industrial Statistics. Applications should be made in person or by mail to William H. Farley, superintendent, 557 Westminster street. Open 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., daily. Accounts audited regularly.

ST. ELIZABETH'S HOME FOR INCURABLES AND CONVALESCENTS, THE, Atlantic avenue and Melrose street. Institution; established

1882; incorporated 1883.—Provides a hospital for the sick and disabled, and affords medical and surgical aid and nursing for confirmed invalids and convalescents. Under auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church of R. I. Governed by a board of managers. President, Right Rev. W. N. McVickar; Treasurer, Miss Nancy A. Greene; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Shedd. Has board of managers and associate managers.

Applications for admission should be made to Mrs. Howard Hoppin, 36 Brown street. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island; sex, women. Capacity for patients, 37 women. Condition of buildings, excellent. Adequate sewerage. Charge for care or board, \$7.00 to \$15.00 per week and upward. Charge for admission, \$350.00. Funds collected by voluntary subscription. Accounts audited regularly by auditing committee.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, Broad and Peace streets; established and incorporated in 1892.—Object, general hospital work. Under the auspices of the Catholic Church. President, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Treasurer and Secretary, Right Rev. T. F. Doran.

Application for admission and aid should be made to the Sister Superior at the hospital; office hours, 9 to 11 A. M., 2 to 5 P. M. Accommodates 165 patients. Valuation of property, \$160,000. Debt, \$20,000. Mortgage, \$33,000. Condition of buildings, good. Has adequate sewerage. Grounds, 80,000 square feet. Charge for care or board, \$1.00 per day for ward patients. Funds collected by donation days, annual subscriptions, board of patients, and by the Sisters. Accounts audited regularly by corporation. Auxiliary department, Hills Grove Sanitarium.

ST. JOSEPH'S TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL, Hills Grove, R. I. Established 1905; incorporated 1892.—Cares for consumptives, especially advanced and incurable cases. Under auspices of the Catholic Church. Owned and controlled by the corporation of St. Joseph's Hospital. Application for admission should be made to Sister M.

Burgunda, at the hospital at Hills Grove, or at the St. Joseph's Hospital, corner Broad and Peace streets. Accommodates 50 patients. Valuation of property, \$28,000. Condition of buildings, good. Has adequate sewerage. Grounds, about 150 acres. Charge for board, \$1.00 per day. Funds collected by contribution and help from St. Joseph's Hospital. Accounts audited regularly.

ST. MARIE'S HOME FOR WORKING GIRLS, 125 Governor street.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL INFANT ASYLUM, Regent avenue. Institution; established and incorporated 1891.—Cares for poor infant children orphaned and abandoned. Governed by its officers. President, Right Rev. Matthew Harkins; Treasurer, Rev. D. M. Lowney. Applications for admission should be made to the Sister in charge of Asylum. Office hours, 8 to 11 A. M., and 1 to 6 P. M. Limits—age, from infancy to 6 years. Accommodates 150 children. Valuation of property, \$100,000. Accounts audited regularly.

SALVATION ARMY CORPS NO. 1, 775 Westminster street. Society; established 1880.—Works to relieve the poor, and preaches the gospel to the unchurched. Governed by a board. President, S. N. Blackman; Treasurer, Ernest Clow; Secretary, Henry Colvin. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to S. N. Blackman, 136 Bridgham street. Limits—territory, Providence. Funds collected by boxes on street, by members, by correspondence, and by solicitors who are paid 15 per cent. Accounts audited regularly.

SALVATION ARMY INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SHELTER, THE, 98 Wickenden street. Institution; established 1902.—Works for the social and moral uplift of men of the outcast and out-of-work class. Under the auspices of the Salvation Army. Governed by the Industrial Homes Co. President, Mrs. E. Booth; Treasurer, Ranson Gaygill; Secretary, G. S. Reinhardsen. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for admission should be made to William Clifford, 98 Wickenden street, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Amount and kind of aid decided by local manager. Limits—territory, city of Providence; sex, men; capacity for inmates, 36 men. Condition of buildings, good. Property rented, \$120 per annum. Adequate sewerage. Funds other than from rent of beds to nightly lodgers at 10 cents and 15 cents per night, obtained by collecting cast-off and waste material, and turning same to best possible account. Accounts audited regularly.

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRAL CHARITY COMMITTEE, THE, Beacon avenue and Maple street. Association; established 1899; incorporated 1902. —Works to relieve Scandinavians in distress. Under the auspices of the Scandinavian Societies in the city of Providence. Governed by a board of directors. President, P. E. Pearson; Treasurer, Harold Norberg; Secretary, Victor Blomquist. The governing board of directors consists of three delegates from each affiliated society or church, and this board itself is looked upon as constituting the association. Its personnel is, however, subject to considerable variation from year to year.

Applications for aid should be made to members of executive committee, who decide upon amount and kind to be given. Limit—territory, city of Providence. Nationality, Scandinavian. Accounts audited regularly.

SOPHIA LITTLE HOME, 135 Norwood avenue (Edgewood). Incorporated, 1874. Home established 1881.—The object of this association is to aid discharged prisoners in such way and by such means as will enable them to gain an honest and respectable livelihood; and to adopt such measures as shall seem to be conducive to the prevention of crime, to care for women after their discharge from prison or any reformatory institution, for girls and women placed by the judge on probation, and for all unfortunate girls who, wanting to reform, desire the protection of a home. Their stay varies according

to circumstances. While under charge of this home they receive training in sewing, laundry, and housework, and every means is used to raise their tone, mentally, morally, and spiritually. Governed by an executive board. President, Mrs. J. K. Barney; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth E. Vose; Secretary, Miss Alice W. Vose. Applications for admission should be made to Mrs. J. K. Barney, 529 Broad street, and to Mrs. Charles H. Ewer, Howard, R. I. Amount and kind of aid determined by executive board. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island; sex, female. Matron, Miss Lucy A. Colwell. Capacity, 33 inmates (children if with mother.) Property valuation, \$12,000. Insurance, \$10,000. Condition of buildings, first class. No public sewer. Ground, 44,055 square feet. Value, \$2,400. Endowment, \$19,000. Funds collected by duly authorized collectors and by entertainments. Accounts audited annually.

SOUTH PROVIDENCE LADIES AID ASSOCIATION, Bazars Hall, Willard avenue. Society; established 1902.—Works to help the poor and needy Jews. Governed by executive committee. President, Mrs. M. D. Grant; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Semonof; Secretary, Mrs. Sam Tatz. Application for aid should be made to one of the officers. Amount and kind of aid to be given, decided by executive committee. Limits—territory, Rhode Island. Endowment, \$300. Funds collected personally by officers and entertainments. Persons receiving money give bonds. Accounts are audited regularly.

SPRAGUE HOUSE ASSOCIATION, 7 Armington avenue. Institution; established 1887; incorporated 1903.—Works to further educational, philanthropic, and social work in Mount Pleasant and neighboring districts. Governed by board of directors. President, Mr. Harry Parsons Cross; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Gifford Ladd; Secretary, Mrs. William MacDonald. Has board of directors. Property valued at \$6,000. Condition of buildings, excellent. Adequate sewerage. Funds collected personally by officers and by correspondence. Accounts audited regularly.

STATE HOME AND SCHOOL FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN, Smith street. Institution; established, 1885.—Provides a home and school for dependent and neglected children. Governed by a board of control. Chairman, Frank P. Comstock; Secretary, William T. Crandell.

Applications for admission should be made to Secretary, State House, Providence, 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., daily. Limits—age, 4 to 14. Capacity for inmates, 12 men, 18 women, and 150 children. Condition of buildings fair. Adequate sewerage. Land, 80 acres. Accounts audited regularly.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY, PROVIDENCE BRANCH. Society; established, 1901. Sews for the poor, and aids charitably in whatever manner opportunity presents itself. President, Mrs. Charles W. Beach; Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence A. Ryan; Secretary, Miss Abbie E. Fiske. Has board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to President, 23 Chapin avenue, or to Vice-President, 125 Parade street, 8.30 to 10.30 A. M. Amount and kind of aid decided by board of directors. Limits—territory, city of Providence; age, little children and aged; sex, women. Funds collected by dues, by officers, by correspondence, and by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly.

THIMBLE CLUB, THE. Society; established, 1896; incorporated, 1901.—Contributes to the support of the worthy poor by making clothing and furnishing money for other necessities, and engages in other acts of charity. Governed by advisory board. President, Mrs. George H. Huddy, Jr.; Treasurer, Miss Kate A. Rose; Secretary, Miss Carolyn Bunce and Mrs. Richard M. Cogan. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to any member of the society. Amount and kind of aid voted upon by the society at regular meetings. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island. Funds collected by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly.

UNION CITY MISSION, 46 Chapel street. Established, 1909.—Object, the salvation of souls. Governed by executive committee. President, A. W. Pett; Treasurer, H. Gregory; Secretary, J. A. Hainer.

Applications for aid should be made to the Superintendent, 46 Chapel street. Has sleeping accommodations for 20 men. Condition of buildings, good. Has adequate sewerage. Yearly rental, \$900. Number of beneficiaries outside of religious work, 209. Accounts audited regularly.

UNION FOR CHRISTIAN WORK, 31 Chestnut street. Society; established and incorporated, 1857.—Provides a center for higher social and civic life; seeks to improve the condition of the home; to institute and maintain educational enterprises, and to co-operate with every legitimate agency for social betterment among the working classes. The Bureau of Social Research is the agency through which the Union for Christian Work renders its service. Governed by board of directors. President, Prescott O. Clarke; Treasurer, Charles M. Young; Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Moulton. The executive committee is the same as the board of directors.

Applications for aid should be made to the Director, 55 Eddy street, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Limits—territory, Rhode Island. Valuation of property, \$10,000. Insurance, \$8,000. Funds collected by officers, by correspondence, and by paid employees. Accounts audited regularly. Auxiliary department committee on social service.

WATCHMAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, 140 Codding street. Institution; established, 1908.—Aims to provide a special education for the laboring and unfortunate classes. Under the auspices of the Afro-Americans. Governed by an advisory board. President, Rev. W. S. Holland; Treasurer, William Worthen; Secretary, Miss Evalina B. Holland. Has board of directors.

Application for admission should be made to President, Secretary, or Principal, 140 Codding street, from 12 M. to 2 P. M., or from 7 P. M.

to 8 P. M. Amount and kind of aid decided by President. Limits—age, 18 years or over. Condition of building, good. Rent given free to school. Grounds, 4,032 square feet. Funds collected personally by officers, by correspondence, and by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly.

WAYSIDE MISSION, THE, 21 Washington street. Society; established and incorporated, 1909.—Charitable and spiritual work. Governed by executive committee. President, Byron E. Arnold; Treasurer, Joseph Cherry; Secretary, Mary F. Cherry.

Applications for aid should be made to Byron E. Arnold, 19 Willow street. Executive committee decides upon amount and kind of aid. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island. Rents property, \$144 per annum. Funds solicited on commission, 5 per cent. to solicitors. Accounts audited regularly.

WOMEN'S CITY MISSIONARY LAUNDRY, 155 Clifford street. Institution; established, 1897; incorporated, 1869. Gives work to unskilled and poor women and fits them for private laundresses. Under the auspices of the Women's City Missionary Society. Governed by board of directors. President, Mrs. Cushman; Treasurer, A. F. Stone; Secretary, C. H. Guild. Limits—age, over 16; sex, female. Valuation of property, \$7,000. Insurance, \$5,000. Condition of building, good. Adequate sewerage. Funds collected by salaried employees. Accounts audited regularly.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, 395 Westminster street. Society; established, 1888.—Aids G. A. R. Governed by department council. President, Annie L. Pender; Treasurer, Emma F. Brown; Secretary, Julia P. Nason. Has executive committee and board of directors.

Apply to Department President, Annie L. Pender, 824 Broad street for assistance. Limits—territory, the State. Funds collected from annual dues and entertainments. Accounts audited by auditing committee.

WORKING GIRLS' CLUB, 105 Bates street. Society; established, 1898; incorporated, 1902.—Provides a working girls' home for charitable, literary, and social purposes, and an employment bureau. Governed by executive board. President, Roberta J. Dunbar; Treasurer, Jennie Peirce; Secretary, S. E. Williams.

Applications for admission should be made to the Matron, Miss Arabella Heathman, 105 Bates street, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Limits—age, 16 and over; sex, women. Capacity for inmates, 10. Valuation of property, \$3,800; debt, \$2,400. Condition of buildings, excellent. Adequate sewerage. Grounds, 10,000 square feet. Funds collected by solicitation, subscription, and by entertainments. Accounts audited regularly.

WORKINGMEN'S LOAN ASSOCIATION, 23 Weybosset street. Established and incorporated, 1895.—Loans money on chattel mortgages at the lowest possible rate of interest to people in need, who have no other facilities for obtaining necessary funds. Governed by board of directors. President, Edward S. Clark; Treasurer, Howard L. Clark; Secretary, Rathbone Gardner. Has executive committee and board of directors. Amount and kind of aid decided by board of directors. Limits—territory, State of Rhode Island. Managers, bonded. Accounts audited regularly.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 54 Jackson street, and 254 Washington street. Institution; established and incorporated, 1902.—Works to improve the physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual condition of young women and provide a comfortable and pleasant boarding-house. Governed by a board of directors. President (office vacant), Mrs. John H. Cady, Acting President; Treasurer, Miss Mary C. Smith; Secretary, Louise C. Hoppin. Has board of directors and executive committee.

Applications for admission should be made to Miss Lena M. Farrar, 54 Jackson street, from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Amount and kind of aid decided by board of directors. House Secretary, Miss Charlotte M.

Huntoon. Accommodates 140 girls or women. Property valuation, \$200,000; insurance, \$117,600. Condition of buildings, very good. Adequate sewerage. Endowment, \$2,000. Funds collected personally by officers and by correspondence, and occasionally by salaried employees. Treasurer under bonds. Accounts audited annually.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION, 111 Mathewson street.—Provides Young Women's Tea Rooms, library, and rest room at 111 Mathewson street, and a rest cottage at Saunderstown, R. I. Governed by library committee and tea room committee. President, Eleanor B. Pearce; Treasurer, Clara M. Law; Secretary, Ida M. Whitman. Has executive committee. Accounts audited regularly.

NEWPORT.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT. Office, 263 Thames street. President, Darius Baker.

CIVIC LEAGUE. President, Miss Ellen F. Mason.

DORCAS SOCIETY OF NEWPORT. Relief of indigent and infirm of both sexes. Secretary, Mrs. A. K. Shuman.

HENDERSON HOME FOR AGED MEN. President, Judge Darius Baker. Maintain a home for men of good moral character over sixty years of age and residents of Newport, who are unable to support themselves.

HOME FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN for the city and county of Newport, 24 School street. First Directress, Mrs. Joseph Bradford.

HOPE BRANCH, NEWPORT. Secretary, Marion B. Howard. Help the poor and needy.

KINGS DAUGHTERS OF NEWPORT. President, Miss Kate Bend.
Help the needy.

NOTRE DAME SOCIETY, Newport. President, Mrs. F. P. Garretts-
son. Make garments for the poor.

NEWPORT ANIMAL REFUGE SOCIETY, 27 Third street. President,
Mrs. A. J. Anderson.

NEWPORT ASSOCIATION FOR THE RELIEF AND PREVENTION OF
TUBERCULOSIS, 263 Thames street. President, William Paine
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NEWPORT HOME FOR THE AGED, 87 Washington street. President,
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NEWPORT HOSPITAL. Friendship street. President, William P.
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NEWPORT PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION. Conducts playground on
Mary street, Marlboro street, Broadway and King's Park. President,
Captain J. P. Cotton.

PEOPLE'S LIBRARY. 260 Thames street. Trustees, William P.
Sheffield, Rev. Emory H. Porter, Dr. Charles Brackett.

RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
ANIMALS. John A. Hazard, Agent, 6 Bay View Avenue.

ST. CLARE HOME, Newport. Treasurer, William B. Meenan.

TOWNSEND AID FOR THE AGED. President, Mrs. Benjamin S.
Melville. Relieve aged poor of Newport, 60 years of age and over.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE. 24 Washington Square. President, Mrs.
E. A. Buckhout.

Y. M. C. A., 41 Mary street. President, Thomas P. Peckham.

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CENTRAL FALLS WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION. Broad street Baptist Church. Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, 216 Central, Central Falls.

DEXTER STREET MISSION, Pawtucket. President, Nathan W. Littlefield. Industrial Work. Making employment basis of relief.

HOME FOR AGED POOR, 964 Main street. Conducted by Little Sisters of the Poor.

PAWTUCKET DAY NURSERY, 31 Thornley street. President, Mrs. E. B. Thornton. Provides place where women who work by day can leave children properly cared for.

PAWTUCKET WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION. President, Miss Hannah Owen.

SALVATION ARMY INDUSTRIAL HOME Co., Pawtucket. President, Evangeline Booth. Provides work for unemployed men by gathering the city's waste.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF AND CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS IN PAWTUCKET AND VICINITY, 209 Oak Building, Pawtucket. President, Howard W. Fitz.

TWIN CITY HOSPITAL. Park Place, Pawtucket. Dr. Wm. H. Heimer, Superintendent.

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BALLOU HOME FOR THE AGED. President, Harriet R. Ballou.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT LEAGUE. President, Miss Annie Cryan.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Walling, Union Village.

WOONSOCKET ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASS'N. Secretary, F. W. Park, 166 Main Street, room 4.

WOONSOCKET DAY NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S HOME, 225 Cass avenue.

WOONSOCKET HOSPITAL, 115 Cass avenue. Miss Magdeline Senstad.

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